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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/764,512	YONEDA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Dang D. Le	2834	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 and 14-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/27/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1-13 in the reply filed on 6/2/05 is acknowledged. The traversal is found persuasive. As a result, claims 1-16 are prosecuted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-9 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (5,986,377).

Regarding claim 1, Yamada et al. shows a concentrated-winding type stator coil unit for a rotary electric machine (Figures 4, 5, 89, and 90), comprising:

- A stator core having a core back (115d) and teeth (115a) protruding from the core back; and
- A plurality of coils (117) wound around the teeth respectively, each of the coils being composed of a plurality of layered coils consisting of one or more pairs of layered coils consisting of a first layered coil (k=1, column 14, lines) formed by winding an insulation-coated coil wire in a layer around each of the teeth to form a plurality of turns arranged on each tooth and a second layered

coil (k+1) formed by winding the coil wire in a layer to form a plurality of turns arranged on each of the first layered coils wound around the teeth respectively,

- Wherein the coil wire is wound to allow a last turn of the first layered coil to continue to a first turn of the second layered coil (Figure 89) and both ends of the coil wire are located at and on a base portion (115d, at 116a and 116b) of each of the teeth so that both ends serve as a winding-start end (at 116a) and a winding-finish end (117a) of each of the coils.

Regarding claims 2-9, it is noted that Yamada et al. also shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention including the bent-portion (Figure 89, under 117a) which is similar to Figure 12 of the present application.

With regard to claims 14-16, the method of winding would be inherent and obvious since the prior art references meet the structural limitations of the claimed device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein

were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of Kawakami (6,011,339).

Regarding claims 10 and 11, Yamada et al. shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for the bus bars and the same axial position.

Kawakami shows the bus bars and the same axial position (Figures 4 and 11) for the purpose of connecting the phase coil together.

Since Yamada et al. and Kawakami are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to use the bus bar with the same axial position as taught by Kawakami for the purpose discussed above.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the record of prior art does not show the stator coil unit comprising a bus-bar holder being attached to the axial surface of the core back and having a plurality of grooves being oriented, after the attachment, along the circumferential direction of the stator core and being opened outward in a radial direction of the stator core, wherein the bus bars are accommodated phase by phase in the grooves as claimed in claim 12.

Claim 13 is dependent on claim 12.

Information on How to Contact USPTO

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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